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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Investigation Nos. 701-TA-540-544 and 731-TA-1283-1290 (Preliminary)

Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Brazil, China, India, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Russia, and the United Kingdom

DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines,² pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of cold-rolled steel flat products from Brazil, China, India, Japan, Korea, Russia, and the United Kingdom, provided for in subheadings 7209.15, 7209.16, 7209.17, 7209.18, 7209.25, 7209.26, 7209.27, 7209.28, 7209.90, 7210.70, 7211.23, 7211.29, 7211.90, 7212.40, 7225.50, 7225.99, and 7226.92 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are allegedly sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”), and by imports of cold-rolled steel flat products that are allegedly subsidized by the governments of Brazil, China, Korea, and Russia. The Commission also determines, pursuant to the Act, that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports of cold-rolled steel flat products that are allegedly subsidized by the government of India.

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

² Commissioner F. Scott Kieff not participating.

The Commission further determines that imports of cold-rolled steel flat products from the Netherlands are negligible pursuant to section 771(24) of the Act, and its investigation with regard to cold-rolled steel flat products from this country is thereby terminated pursuant to section 733(a)(1) of the Act.

COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL PHASE INVESTIGATIONS

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the *Federal Register* as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission's rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under sections 703(b) or 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under sections 705(a) or 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

BACKGROUND

On July 28, 2015, AK Steel Corporation (West Chester, Ohio), ArcelorMittal USA LLC (Chicago, Illinois), Nucor Corporation (Charlotte, North Carolina), Steel Dynamics, Inc. (Fort Wayne, Indiana), and United States Steel Corporation (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) filed a petition

with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of subsidized imports of cold-rolled steel flat products from Brazil, China, India, Korea, and Russia and LTFV imports of cold-rolled steel flat products from Brazil, China, India, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Russia, and the United Kingdom. Accordingly, effective July 28, 2015, the Commission, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. §§ 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)), instituted countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-540-544 and antidumping duty investigation Nos. 731-TA-1283-1290 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the *Federal Register* of August 3, 2015 (80 FR 46047). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on August 18, 2015, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. §§ 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on September 11, 2015. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4564 (September 2015), entitled *Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Brazil, China, India, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Russia, and the United Kingdom: Investigation Nos. 701-TA-540-544 and 731-TA-1283-1290 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.

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